GOOD NEWS FOR HOMEMAKERS

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Extension Agent

END BATHROOM CLUTTER

The bathroom has become a multi-purpose room with all the grooming and health care equipment that go with it. Storage can be a problem, but with a little rearranging and the aid of organizers, everything can have a place of its own.

The key to ending chaos is to reorganize; the first step to a neater room is to sort and dispose of unused items. Discard old prescriptions and makeup. Then, clean everything -- wash, scour, dust or launder those items which have to be put back such as glasses, bottles, jars, shower curtains, towels, rugs. Scour the areas which they belong. There may be enough space to "re-store" usables. If not, there is an array of storage aids on the market to lend a hand.

To help solve the dilemma, scrutinize space available for storage aids. Measure wall, door and floor areas, inside cabinets and vanity. Make a list of the dimensions along with a list of the items which need to be stored. Spend some time in the bath shop department of a store searching for organizers. Then, shop carefully, paying particular attention to organizers, which are sturdy, safe and washable.

Shelves or cabinets which can be hung above fixtures or a vanity organizer placed over a toilet tank are popular. Supplies of soap, deodorant, pins and tissues can be kept in cabinets and things such as shavers, perfume, washcloths or towels stored on shelves. The cavity under a cabinet-type sink can be utilized by adding shelves, either fitted around pipes or along the sides. If members of the family inclue small children, keep medicines and cleaning supplies in upper storage areas out of their reach.

A shower caddy or two will hold hair care and bathing equipment such as shampoo, bath oils, brushes, shower caps, creme rinse and more.

Additional towel bars, a small clothes hamper or a large caddy for shavers, hair dryers, electric curlers, extra rolls of toilet tissue and the like can be attached to the back of a door. Big, bright, washable plastic hooks are also available for hanging robes, even towels, or anything else which gets constant use and can be hung up.

A clever idea is to add a wicker wine rack to the room for displaying rolled hand and bath towels. Or, consider swinging towel bars or double bars which store more than the usual holder. A basket suspended on a hook is decorative and can show off washcloths, guest soaps.

Once sheves or cabinets are up or cleared, apothecary jars in all shapes, sizes and colors may be considered for stashing cottonballs, swabs, pins, clips and bows. Or, how about plastic containers or small wicker baskets?

Unique items include a spare toilet tissue holder, which when hung over an existing roller, eliminates end of the roll inconvenience by storing an additional supply. And for drying room there's a drying rack with ten hooks, which fits over a towel bar -- ideal for hanging hand washables such as lingerie, hose, swimsuits.

With all things tucked neatly away, there may even be extra room for a planter or two, or a multi-level plant stand which doubles as a free-standing shelf.

There are many, many more add-ons to answer storage needs. So, shop with a discerning eye and help end bathroom clutter.

RECIPE OF THE WEEK

Strawberry-Banana Salad

3 (3-oz.) packages strawberry flavored gelatin
1 cup boiling water
1 (10-oz.) pkg. frozen strawberries, thawed and undrained
1 15¼ oz.) can crushed pineapple, undrained
3 bananas, sliced
2 cups commercial sour cream, divided
½ cup chopped pecans or walnuts

Dissolve gelatin in boiling water; stir in fruit. Pour half of gelatin mixture into an 8-inch pan, and refrigerate until firm, store remaining gelatin mixture at room temperature.

Spread congealed gelatin with 1 cup sour cream. Spoon remaining gelatin over sour cream, and refrigerate until firm. Top with remaining sour cream, spreading evenly; sprinkle with pecans. Yield: 8 to 10 servings.

CETA TITLE I FUNDS ALLOCATED

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Planning Council -

The Planning Committees' decisions were based on priorities and an evaluation criteria developed by the Central Virginia Manpower Planning Council.

Agency applications that were not funded will be kept on file on a contingency basis and considered if further Comprehensive Employment & Training Act (CETA) funding is made available. Each agency will also be informed about other possible sources of funding.

The Planning Committee was also informed of CETA Title II allocations that have been made directly to the six local jurisdictions. Amherst County has received $129,806; Appomattox County, $88,805; Bedfor County, $140,228; Campbell County, $167,056; Bedford City, $46,513; and Lynchburg, $291,736. This money is to fund Public Service Employment positions.

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Class of '52 Holds Reunion

The Appomattox High School graduating class of 1952 held its 25th year reunion Saturday evening, July 30th, with a dinner and dance at the Ramada Inn in Lynchburg.

Twenty-nine members from a class of 58 were in attendance for the occasion.

Graduates from the Class of '52 in attendance were, front row, left to right, Doris Moore Crowell, Susie C. Nuckols, Daphne W. Moore, Mary M. Marshall, Peggy S. Lawson, Nina B. Beasley, Joan Harvey Edwards, Loretta D. Layne, Doris C. Martin, Beatrice T. Hudson, Ann F. Weakley, Virginia R. Spiggle, Agnes C. Horsley, Mildred Smoot Johnson, Ida H. Campbell, Virginia H. Bondurant, Calvin Tanner, Sam Coleman, Howard Blanks, Jr., William E. Johnston, William E. Jamerson, Waverly Payne, Jack Layne, Wade Drinkard, and Fred Weakley.

An evening of fun was enjoyed by everyone attending. Another reunion is planned in five years.

Qualifies For Slow Pitch Tourney

O'BRIEN EQUIPMENT CO. softball team, shown above, qualified for the State, Class B. Slow Pitch Tournament to be held in Petersburg this week-end. Front row, l to r, Earl Martin, Billy Thompson, Robert Martin and Don Guill. Second row, from left, Billy Watts, Buddy Wilcox, Ray Tweedy, Tommy O'Brien, Bill Austin. Back row, from left, Steve Almond, Dennis Totty, Bobby Lane, and Hugh Watts. Not available for picture were: William Taylor, Joel Pillow, Jimmy Franklin and Roger Campbell.

The team has played in thirteen tournaments this summer as well as the local softball league. In tournament play they have finished first two times, second three times, third once and fourth once. They have averaged more than ten runs per game in 71 contests while holding their opposition to an average of seven runs. They have won 47 and lost 24 tournament games and are underfeated in local league play.

WINNERS IN THE F. R. C. C. LADIES GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNEY are shown above. Championship Flight, front row from left, Carol Cozart, Winner, Jackie Robinson, second and Joyce Jamerson, third. First Flight, second row from left, Jane Lyons, winner, Mary Tolley, second and Ginny Fedison, third. Second flight, back row from left, Patsy Lawson, second place, Ruby Roach, third place and Judy Dorety, winner.

SENIOR CHAPTER FHA HELD PLANNING SESSION

The Appomattox Senior Chapter, Future Homemakers of America Executive Council met August 16th in the Home Ec Department at Appomattox County High School to plan for the 1977-78 school session.

Shown above, left to right, are Penny Elliott, Cheryl Elliott, Mary Dyess, Shelby Dunnam, Susan Parris, Sherry Roope, Cheryl Walton and Terri Dalton.

VA Questions & Answers

EDITOR'S NOTE: Following are representative questions answered daily by VA counselors. Full information is available at any VA office.

Q -- I am a veteran of the Vietnam era. When will my eligibility for college training expire?

A -- Generally, the period of eligibility for GI Bill benefits is 10 years from date of last discharge or Dec. 31, 1989, whichever is earlier.

Q -- As an honorably discharged wartime veteran, will I be eligible for a pension when I become 65 years of age?

A -- Pension benefits may be paid to wartime veterans discharged under other than dishonorable conditions, who are totally and permanently disabled, who have at least 90 days continous active duty and whose annual income and net worth are within certain limitations. Veterans 65 years of age or older are considered permanently and totally disabled.

Q - I used my VA Certificate of Eligibility to purchase a home in 1970. I sold this home on an assumption. Am I entitled to purchase another home using the balance of my benefit?

A -- You may use the remainder of your guarantee. You should apply for a new Certificate of Eligibility. The amount of guaranty has been increased to $17,500. This is $5,000 more than you were entitled to in 1970.

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Set a trap for a rabbit - -
Instead caught a cat!

During school, watered horses,
At lunch time each day;
Then after he'd eaten,
He found time to play.

Taking tickets at the movies,
As quite a young teen,
Until his promotion
Then he ran the machine.

Shoe salesman; owned a theater -
Quite a successful, called The Lee
Then an elected official,
As fine as could be.

You've contributed a lot - -
No doubt about that,
So, 'thank you' John Curtis - -
And off with our hat!!

This picture of John Curtis as a baby proves, without a doubt, that the late Winston McKinney didn't know much about judging babies when he said that John was the ugliest baby in Appomattox! Maybe the prettiest!

John Curtis Caldwell in 1928.

"My dear Mother,

I have caught a rabbit, but it was not a rabbit, it was a cat! How are you getting on? I am getting on very well. I just talked to Father.

Your Sun (His spelling; he still has the John Curtis "flote and I saw it!)

The year was around 1910 and little John Curtis Caldwell (our recently retired Commission of Revenue) was staying out at the family farm with his rabbit traps. He was more than a little disappointed, I'm sure, when his catch proved to be a cat instead of the rabbit he had hoped to snare.

As son of the late Sarah Taylor and William Benjamin Caldwell, John was born in a house on Highland Avenue in Appomattox, in the year 1904.

The fact that his father was a well-to-do businessman, in no way meant that John Curtis was exempt from chores. He learned at an early age the responsibility of assigned tasks.

Each school day when lunch time came, John Curtis left school promptly - - - homeward bound, for lunch and other things! It was his job to feed and water the horses that belonged to his father. Watering, in those days, meant drawing water from a well, by hand, and carrying it to the horses. With this daily task behind him, John Curtis ate lunch before returning to school. Belive it or not - - - after getting back to school he had time to play ball before the bell rang for classes.

In order to make a bit of spending money John Curtis would pump (by hand) the organ at Liberty Baptist Church. (Incidently John Curtis has been a member of this church since 1917.) For this service he was paid the grand sum of $2.00 per month. The late Mrs. Florence C. (J.R.) Atwood was the church organist.

At this particular time, Liberty had a minister, a fine man, Rev. East, who was known for his long prayers - - extremely long! During this prayer time, with every head bowed in reverence (we hope), and John Curtis resting from his chore of pumping, Mrs. Atwood would practice. With no pumping, naturally there was no sound, and Mrs. Atwood felt free to let her fingers dance with reckless abandon up and down the silent keyboard. John Curtis watched - - - for a long time, that is!

The Sunday it happened, Rev. East was even longer than usual with his prayer time, and Mrs. Atwood was making the most of it, practicing away, in silence. Young John Curtis was bored, the temptation was too great, he weakened! In a recklessly bold moment John gave the organ a mighty pump and before she realized what had happened, the sedate Mrs. Atwood had sounded forth, during the prayer, with several notes of music! John Curtis, like a streak of lightening bounded out of the church. It was quite a long while (because he preferred it that way!!) before John Curtis came face to face with Mrs. Atwood!

John Curtis entered the world of business at the tender age of fourteen. The late Pat Chandler and the late Luther Throckmorton opened a movie house (around 1918) on the lower side of the railroad tracks. The approximate location was across from where the Garris Upholstry Shop is now located.

Taking up tickets was the first job John had with the theater. After working for three weeks, he was given the responsibility of running the machine for the silent movies that were shown once a week. Little did he realize that later in life he would be the owner of a theater in Appomattox, The Lee.

John Curtis recalled Dorothy Hundley who played the piano during the showing of the silent movies. With the coming of sound pictures to Appomattox in 1928, the world of entertainment took a giant stride forward.

Just as his parents had anticipated, John Curtis went on to college; his choice was William and Mary, a much smaller college then that is it today. Although Lindsey Crawley, the high school principal at the time of John's graduation, had written on his transcript, "excellent student", that statement proved to be slightly inaccurate. English? Easily an A! Math? Well, maybe we had better not discuss that! As a result of John's less than perfect academic achievement, he decided, after one year at college, to call it quits.

"Well", thought John Curtis, in 1923, "I have one year of college behind me and I think I am about ready to make it on my own." The decision to strike out on his own was not the only decision John had to make; He had to decide what to do. "Hasn't my father been successful as a shoe shalesman? If it's good enough for him, it's good enough for me!" So, away he went, selling shoes - - successfully, until 1937.

Do you wonder what happened to John Curtis Caldwell as a shoe salesman? There are so many other things that are interesting. I think maybe you'd better join me again next week. Think you can make it? I hope so!

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4-H Clothing News

4-H'ers will put the finishing touches on their garments this week as they prepare for the Five County Fair Dress Revue and the County 4-H Dress Revue. The dress rehearsal for the 4-H Dress Revue will be held Tuesday, September 6, in Appomattox County High School Auditorium, 7:00 - 9:00. The garments will be judged then for the quality of construction and workmanship while the girls practice modeling. Thursday night, September 8, 7:00-9:00, in Appomattox County High School Auditorium, the Dress Revue will be held. The garments will be judged on the girls and how well they are modeled. The score sheets will be totaled and then ribbons and prizes will be awarded. The public is invited and encouraged to attend.

Wednesday and Thursday of the following week the Five County Fair Revues will be held. Those 13 years and under will model on Thursday, September 15, and those 14-19 years will model on Wednesday September 14. The shows will begin at 4:00 in the Varner Building. Please plan to attend and support the Appomattox County 4-H'ers.

An exciting field trip to Sangil Garment Factory is planned for the seventh grade members on August 24 at 1:00. Mothers are invited to come also.

Your Rovin' Clothin' Reporter
Laurie McLean

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To Be Visited During Staunton River Festival

Staunton Hill, Ridgeway, South Isle Plantation and several other tobacco, beef and dairy farms are among the homes, farms and churches to be visited during the bus tour which will be offered at the Staunton River Festival, September 3 and 4.

The guided tour of properties which will be flooded or destroyed by the proposed Randolph Hydroelectric Project will begin and end at the boat landing area in Brookneal. That same area will be the site of Bluegrass, Country and Gospel music singing and demonstrations of woodcarving quilting, blacksmithing, soapmaking and other traditional home and farm crafts.

While listening to music, watching craft demonstrations or waiting for one of the guided tours to start, festival guests will have a chance to sample homegrown and ground beef and pork barbecue, Brunswick stew, corn on the cob, sausage, homemade biscuits and other examples of good country cooking. Much of the food to be sold at the festival will have been grown on the Staunton River bottomlands or on land that would be flooded by the proposed Hydroelectric and Coal Project, which Southside Electric Cooperative proposes to build.

Admission and parking for the Staunton River Festival, sponsored by Friends of the Staunton River, is free.

Staunton Hill, an impressive Gothic style mansion listed on the National Register of Historic Places, has rarely been open to the public. It is now owned by David and Nicholas Bruce, sons of Ambassador David K. E. Bruce. Participants in the bus tour may walk about the extensive grounds surrounding the house, though the interior will not be open.

The innundation created by the dams proposed by the Southside Electric Cooperative will destroy the productive river bottomlands which brought the Bruce family to Charlotte County in the 1820's, but the main house at Staunton Hill is on a high bluff and will remain intact.

The future of Ridgeway is not so certain. The "ridge" for which the farm was named and on which the house is located will become a part of the dam proposed for the 9,000 acre "cooling pond" on Cub Creek. Reports submitted by the Southside Electric Cooperative to the Federal Power Commission indicate that the main house will be razed.

Ridgeway, a handsome brick house built in 1828, was home to the Carrington family of Charlotte County for many years. The three and a half story house has double chimneys at either end. A connecting wing to a two story dependency at the rear of the main house has an arched colonnade at ground level.

Architecturally and historically, Staunton Hill and Ridgeway are two of the most significant properties in Charlotte County to be affected by the proposed Hydroelectric and Coal Project. However, the tour sponsored by Friends of the Staunton River will also visit the Patrick Henry Boys' Plantation, which will lose a large part of its farmland to the proposed flooding and may have to abandon much of the agricultural program offered for resident boys: Red Hill, the last home of Patrick Henry, Upper South Isle, South Isle Plantation, and perhaps Woodbourne Farm. At Ridgeway, bus tour participants will have refreshments on the lawn. On the return route, they will go by the Everett Tucker farm, the Herbert Milton dairy farm and several others before reaching Brookneal.

The tour will also pass by Roanoke Presbyterian Church and Staunton River Baptist Church. Neither structure will be flooded, but major access roads to both would be wiped out. Thus, congregation members would have to spend several hours taking a long and circuitous route to reach a church that used to be only a few minutes and miles away. The entire bus tour will take a little more than two hours.

Groups or individuals who want to participate in food or craft sales and demonstrations during the festival will not be charged for display space and will not be required to turn over any of their sales earnings to Friends of the Staunton River. However, donations would be welcome.

Any group of individual who would like to perform during the Bluegrass and country music program on Saturday or duing the Gospel singing on Sunday can contact Franklin Reynolds at 376-5378 in Brookneal, Va. Anyone who wishes to participate in craft sales or demonstrations can contact Mrs. Florence Riepe at 542-5283.

BIRTH CERTIFICATE IS NEEDED FOR SOCIAL SECURITY

If someone asked you when you were born you probably would have little difficulty answering. But what if they asked you to prove it -- would that be as easy?

Your answer, of course, depends on whether you have a birth certificate. The Social Security offices in Virginia in cooperation with the State Health Department are encouraging anyone borp in Virginia on or after June 14, 1912 to obtain your birth certificate. June 14, 1912 is the date Virginia began centrally registering all births.

According to William J. Vinson, Social Security District Manager, Lynchburg, many people are coming into the Social Security office without their birth certificate and this serves to delay their claims. "Social Security's rules require you to furnish a birth certificate, or a statement that one doesn't exist, in States where births were recorded at the time you were born," Vinson said.

Dean Huxtable, State Registrar, said the process of requesting a records search or a duplicate certificate is very easy. "Just obtain a request form from any City or County Health Department or Court Clerk's Office," he said, "complete it with the personal information required, and send it along with the $2 fee to: Bureau of Vital Records and Health Statistics, P. O. Box 1000, Richmond, Va., 23208." The form (VS-6) is also available from the same address as well as from most Social Security offices in Virginia. Your request should be made at least 60 days in advance of the date you will need it for Social Security or other purposes.

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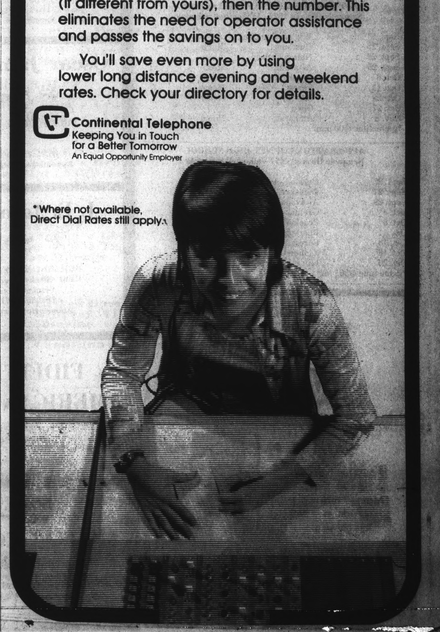

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